

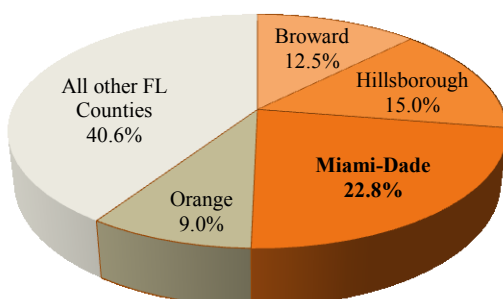
Miami-Dade Is the Seventh Most Populous County in the United States

On April 12, 2012 the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program released the first set of population estimates for the United States, its states and counties to be published since the official 2010 Census population counts were released a year ago. With this new release, the entire time series of population estimates is revised back to the last Census 2010. The estimates for Miami-Dade County show a strong population growth, both in number and in percent. The new population totals will be used in federal funding allocations, as survey controls, as denominators for vital rates and per capita time series, and as indicators of recent demographic changes.

According to the new population estimates as of July 1, 2011, Miami-Dade was the seventh most populous county, with 2,554,766 residents. Los Angeles County, CA was the first in the list, with a population of just under 9.9 million.

Even more impressive, Miami-Dade ranked fourth by numerical increase in population following the three largest counties Harris, TX, Los Angeles, CA and Maricopa, AZ counties. The highest on record, Miami-Dade's population grew by 58,331 from 2,496,435, on April 1, 2010 to 2,554,766 on July 1, 2011. This much larger than expected growth was driven by net domestic migration. This component of population growth increased by 17,053 persons. For the first time in at least twenty years it was positive.

Counties with Largest Share in Florida Population Growth, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011



U.S. Most Populous Counties as of July 1st, 2011

Rank	County	Population 2011	Population Change (April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011)	Percent Change
1	Los Angeles, CA	9,889,056	70,451	0.72%
2	Cook, IL	5,217,080	22,405	0.43%
3	Harris, TX	4,180,894	88,435	2.16%
4	Maricopa, AZ	3,880,244	63,127	1.65%
5	San Diego, CA	3,140,069	44,756	1.45%
6	Orange, CA	3,055,745	45,513	1.51%
7	Miami-Dade, FL	2,554,766	58,331	2.34%
8	Kings, NY	2,532,645	27,945	1.12%
9	Dallas, TX	2,416,014	47,875	2.02%
10	Queens, NY	2,247,848	17,126	0.77%
11	Riverside, CA	2,239,620	49,979	2.28%
12	San Bernardino, CA	2,065,377	30,167	1.48%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, April 2012.

While not among the ten fastest growing counties, ranging from 10.3 percent (Charlton, GA.) to 4.8 percent (Williamson, TX), Miami-Dade was first among the most populous counties in the nation in terms of relative increase in population, at 2.3 percent.

Miami-Dade population becomes increasingly important not only at national level but at state level as well. Of the four counties – source of nearly 60 percent of Florida's population growth, Miami-Dade alone accounted for 22.8 percent.